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## 1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

## 2 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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4 TRAMOS INTL NV, a Belgium  
corporation,

5 Plaintiff,

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7 v.  
8 CHRISTINE A MAY, R. PARKIN MAY;  
JAMES R. ESPOSITO, AND  
9 BERGDAHL ASSOCIATES, INC., a  
Nevada corporation,

10 Defendants.

11 Case No. 3:15-cv-00620-LRH-VPC

12 AMENDED STIPULATED ~~AND~~  
~~PROPOSED~~ PROTECTIVE ORDER

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13 **STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER**

14 Disclosure and discovery activity in this action may involve production of confidential,  
15 proprietary, or private information for which special protection from public disclosure and from  
16 use for any purpose other than prosecuting, defending, or settling this litigation may be warranted.  
17 In order to expedite the flow of discovery materials, facilitate the prompt resolution of disputes  
18 over confidentiality of discovery materials, adequately protect information the parties are entitled  
19 to keep confidential, ensure that only materials the parties are entitled to keep confidential are  
20 subject to such treatment, and ensure that the parties are permitted reasonably necessary uses of  
21 such materials in preparation for and in the conduct of trial, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c), the  
22 parties hereby stipulate to and petition the Court to enter the following Stipulated Protective  
23 Order:

24 **A. INFORMATION SUBJECT TO THIS ORDER**

25 1. For purposes of this Order, "Confidential Information" means information,  
26 whether embodied in any physical or electronic medium, that is used by the producing party in or  
27 pertaining to its trade or business, which information the producing party believes in good faith  
28 has competitive value, which is not publicly known, or is information which the producing party  
would not normally reveal to third parties except in confidence, or has undertaken with others to

1 maintain in confidence.

2       2. Any document or tangible thing containing or including any Confidential  
3 Information may be designated as such by the producing party by marking or affixing the legend  
4 "CONFIDENTIAL" on each page of the document or on the cover or in a prominent place on any  
5 other tangible thing prior to or at the time copies are furnished to the receiving party.

6       3. Any document or tangible thing designated as Confidential Information that is  
7 identified as an exhibit in connection with testimony given in these proceedings shall be marked  
8 with a label "CONFIDENTIAL," and any testimony concerning such document or tangible thing  
9 shall also be considered Confidential Information and shall be subject to the terms of this  
10 stipulation.

11       4. All Confidential Information not reduced to documentary, tangible or physical  
12 form or which cannot be conveniently designated as set forth in paragraph 2, shall be designated  
13 by the producing party by informing the receiving party of the designation in writing.

14       5. The following information is not Confidential Information:

15           a. Any information that is or, after its disclosure to a receiving party,  
16 becomes part of the public domain as a result of publication not involving a violation of this  
17 Order or other obligation to maintain the confidentiality of such information;

18           b. Any information that the receiving party can show was already  
19 publicly known prior to the disclosure; and,

20           c. Any information that the receiving party can show by written  
21 records was received by it from a source who obtained the information lawfully and under no  
22 obligation of confidentiality to the producing party.

23 **B. ACCESS TO AND USE OF CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL**

24       1. Material designated Confidential Information shall:

25           a. be kept strictly confidential by all parties to whom it is disclosed;  
26           b. be disclosed only to those persons necessary for the purposes of this  
27 litigation including litigation counsel, expert witnesses, and court personnel;

28           c. be used only for prosecution, defense, or settlement of this

1 litigation; and be utilized in this litigation in such a way that it shall not become a matter of public  
2 record.

3 2. Confidential Information may be used by any party to whom it is properly  
4 disclosed, only in this action; no party hereto shall use any Confidential Information for any  
5 business or personal purpose, nor shall any party hereto cause or permit the disclosure of any  
6 Confidential Information except in accordance with the terms hereof.

7 3. Confidential Information shall be produced only to counsel for the receiving party  
8 and shall not be exhibited, disclosed, published or disseminated to any person, other than those  
9 delineated above in Paragraph B.1.b without the prior written consent of counsel for the  
10 producing party. No person to whom Confidential Information is disclosed shall discuss the  
11 information with, nor shall any such person disclose the Confidential Information to any person,  
12 or for any purpose other than for the prosecution, defense, or settlement of this litigation.

13 4. Counsel to whom Confidential Information is disclosed or produced shall take all  
14 due precautions to ensure that any persons to whom Confidential Information is disclosed are  
15 informed of the terms of the stipulation, and that, except as provided herein, no one is informed of  
16 the substance of any Confidential Information disclosed or produced.

17 5. Counsel who seeks to file with the court clerk Confidential Information in the form  
18 of a document, discovery response, deposition transcript, pleading or other record or tangible  
19 item, shall do so under seal. Unless otherwise permitted by statute, rule or prior court order,  
20 papers filed with the court under seal shall be accompanied by a contemporaneous motion for  
21 leave to file those documents under seal, and shall be filed consistent with the court's electronic  
22 filing procedures in accordance with Local Rule 10-5(b). Notwithstanding any agreement among  
23 the parties, the party seeking to file a paper under seal bears the burden of overcoming the  
24 presumption in favor of public access to papers filed in court. *Kamakana v. City and County of*  
25 *Honolulu*, 447 F.2d 1172 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir.2006).

26 **C. APPLICATION FOR RELIEF FROM DESIGNATION**

27 1. After receipt of the Confidential Information, the parties to this Stipulated  
28 Protective Order retain the right to meet and confer to contest the designation of Confidential

1 Information. If the meet and confer procedure does not resolve whether the documents contain  
2 Confidential Information, a party hereto may at any time apply to the Court for a subsequent  
3 order, designating certain documents to be excluded from the category of Confidential  
4 Information. In the resolution of such matter, the burden of establishing that the designated  
5 material is Confidential Information shall be on the party that made the claim of confidentiality,  
6 i.e., the producing party. The material that is subject to the motion shall continue to be treated as  
7 "CONFIDENTIAL" until the matter is resolved.

8 2. The designation of "CONFIDENTIAL" by a party is intended solely to facilitate  
9 compliance with discovery in this action. Neither such designation nor treatment in conformity  
10 with such designation shall be construed as an admission or agreement by any party that the  
11 designated information constitutes or contains any Confidential Information. No party shall be  
12 obligated to challenge the propriety of any designation by any producing party, and a failure to do  
13 so shall not constitute a waiver or in any way preclude a subsequent challenge to the propriety of  
14 such designation in this or any other action.

15 **D. FINAL DISPOSITION**

16 1. Within 60 days of the final disposition of this action, absent written agreement  
17 reached to the contrary, counsel for any party having possession, custody or control of  
18 Confidential Information produced in the course of discovery or at trial of this action shall  
19 promptly return or certify destruction of all documents and tangible items covered by this  
20 Stipulated Protective Order to counsel for defendants, and shall destroy all copies, transcripts,  
21 notes and extracts containing Confidential Information, except those marked as exhibits during  
22 trial. Such exhibits shall remain subject to such limitations as the trial court shall specify, or, if  
23 no such order is made, shall remain subject to this Stipulated Protective Order. However, outside  
24 counsel of record may retain court filings; trial, deposition, and hearing transcripts;  
25 correspondence; expert reports; attorney and consultant work product; and deposition and trial  
26 exhibits for archival purposes. If Confidential Information is destroyed pursuant to this  
27 paragraph, outside counsel for the receiving party shall provide to outside counsel for the  
28 producing party a certification in writing that the destruction was performed.

1       2.     Final disposition shall be deemed to be the later of (1) dismissal of all claims and  
2     defenses in this action, with or without prejudice; and (2) final judgment herein after the  
3     completion and exhaustion of all appeals, rehearings, remands, trials, or reviews of this action,  
4     including the time limits for filing any motions or applications for extension of time pursuant to  
5     applicable law.

6     **E. UNINTENTIONAL DISCLOSURE OF PRIVILEGED INFORMATION**

7       1.     Counsel shall exert their best efforts to identify documents, materials, testimony,  
8     or things protected by the attorney-client privilege, work-product doctrine, joint-defense  
9     privilege, or any other applicable privilege or protection prior to the disclosure of any such  
10    documents or material. If a party unintentionally discloses documents or material that is  
11    privileged or otherwise immune from discovery, the party shall, promptly upon discovery of the  
12    disclosure, so advise the receiving party in writing, request the documents or material including  
13    all copies or derivations thereof be returned or destroyed, and attach a privilege log entry  
14    pertaining to the documents or material that is privileged or otherwise immune from discovery. If  
15    that request is made and the privilege log provided, no party shall thereafter assert that the  
16    disclosure constituted a waiver by the producing party of any claim that the documents are subject  
17    to the attorney-client privilege, work-product doctrine, joint defense privilege or any other  
18    applicable privilege or protection pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 502(d). It is further  
19    agreed that the receiving party will return or destroy the inadvertently produced documents or  
20    material, and all copies and derivations (including any notes or work product made therefrom)  
21    within five (5) business days of the receiving party's receipt of a written request for the return of  
22    the documents or material. The receiving party having returned or destroyed the inadvertently  
23    produced documents or material may thereafter seek production of the documents or material in  
24    accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, but cannot assert that the privilege has  
25    been waived due to the unintentional disclosure. If the receiving party disputes that any such  
26    document or thing is protected by the asserted privilege or immunity, the receiving party shall so  
27    notify the producing party in writing when the Document or thing is returned to the producing  
28    party. Within ten (10) days after receiving such notice, the parties shall first confer, and if such

1 conference does not resolve the dispute, then within five (5) days after such conference shall  
2 present the dispute to the Court. In determining whether any document is properly subject to a  
3 claim of attorney-client privilege, work-product protection, joint-defense privilege, or any other  
4 privilege or protection following receipt of notice of inadvertent production, the receiving party  
5 shall not challenge the reasonableness of the steps taken by the producing party to protect any  
6 applicable privilege or protection. These procedures are not intended to in any way limit the right  
7 of a party to argue under Federal Rule of Evidence 502 or any other law that any inadvertent  
8 production did not constitute a waiver. The receiving party shall not use or disclose the  
9 documents until the claim is resolved and shall take reasonable steps to retrieve the documents if  
10 the receiving party disclosed them before being notified. Return of the documents by the  
11 receiving party shall not constitute an admission or concession, or permit any inference, that the  
12 returned document or thing is, in fact, properly subject to a claim of attorney-client privilege,  
13 work product protection, joint defense privilege or any other privilege or protection.

14 **F. MISCELLANEOUS**

15 1. Nothing in this Order affects in any way the admissibility of any documents,  
16 testimony, or other evidence at trial. By stipulating to the entry of this Stipulated Protective  
17 Order no party waives any right it otherwise would have to object to disclosing or producing any  
18 information or item on any ground not addressed in this Order. Similarly, no party waives any  
19 right to object on any ground to use in evidence of any of the material covered by this Stipulated  
20 Protective Order.

21 2. Nothing in this Order abridges the right of any person to seek its modification by  
22 the Court in the future. This Order is entered without prejudice to the right of any party to apply  
23 to the Court at any time for additional protection, or to relax or rescind the restrictions of this  
24 Order, when convenience or necessity requires. Furthermore, without application to this Court,  
25 any party that is a beneficiary of the protections of this Order may enter a written agreement  
26 releasing any other party hereto from one or more requirements of this Order even if the conduct  
27 subject to the release would otherwise violate the terms herein. Nothing in this Order shall bar or  
28 otherwise restrict any counsel herein from rendering advice to the counsel's party-client with

1 respect to this action, and in the course thereof, relying upon an examination of designated  
2 material, provided, however, that in rendering such advice and in otherwise communicating with  
3 the party-client, the counsel shall not disclose any Confidential Information to anyone not  
4 authorized to receive such Confidential Information pursuant to the terms of this Order.

5       3. To the extent that the parties have agreed on the terms of this Order, such  
6 stipulation is for the Court's consideration and approval as an Order. The parties' stipulation  
7 shall not be construed to create a contract between the parties or between the parties and their  
8 respective counsel.

9       4. All parties hereto specifically agree that the United States District Court for the  
10 District of Nevada is responsible for the interpretation and enforcement of this Stipulated  
11 Protective Order. After termination of this litigation, the provisions of this Stipulated Protective  
12 Order shall continue to be binding except with respect to those documents and information that  
13 become a matter of public record. All disputes concerning Confidential Information produced  
14 under the protection of this Stipulated Protective Order shall be resolved by the United States  
15 District Court for the District of Nevada.

16       5. Each of the parties agrees to be bound by the terms of this Stipulated Protective  
17 Order as of the date counsel for such party executes this Stipulated Protective Order, even if prior  
18 to entry of this order by the Court.

19       20 DATED: May 4, 2016

CROWELL & MORING LLP

21       22 By: /s/ Pilar R. Stillwater  
Pilar R. Stillwater

23       24       25       26       27       28 Attorneys for Plaintiff  
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1 DATED: May 4, 2016

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5 Mark H. Gunderson

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7 Attorneys for Defendants

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9 IT IS SO ORDERED

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11 United States Magistrate Judge

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13 DATED: *May 4, 2016*

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